

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam
(as of 0800 EDT)

a. The situation remains confused and brittle.

b. Buddhist and Catholic leaders in Saigon, as well as the new triumvirate, have issued appeals for order to the large bands of armed Buddhists and Catholics still roaming the streets. No large-scale violence has yet developed, but minor incidents such as this morning's burning of the offices of a Catholic newspaper could touch it off.

c. Buddhist and student leaders in the north have been trying to discipline their followers. Most likely place for a new flare-up is Hué, where a group of professors has demanded that the US withdraw support from Khanh.

d. Just who, if anybody, is running the government is not clear. General Khiem says Khanh is still premier, but civilian Deputy Premier Oanh claims he will become premier after Khanh's supposedly imminent resignation. Yesterday Khanh told Ambassador Taylor he would remain as head of the government if he got an explicit statement of support from "Big" Minh.

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e. The indecisiveness of the generals--particularly Khanh--in handling the disorders is drawing heavy criticism in many quarters.

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2. Cyprus

a. A showdown may develop over Makarios' adamant refusal to permit the rotation of part of the Turkish Army contingent on Cyprus.

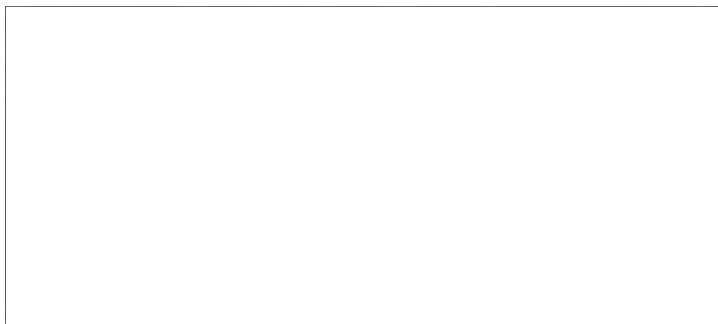
b. The Turks are determined to carry out the rotation on Monday, citing their rights under the 1960 Treaty of Alliance--which Makarios unilaterally abrogated in April. They say they will "shoot if necessary."

c. Makarios and his foreign minister have gone off to Cairo, and apparently do not plan to return until late Monday at the earliest.

d. The Greek foreign minister tells us that Makarios, while in Athens on Tuesday, rejected a proposal for instant enosis, but agreed to such a step should the Turks again attack. Athens could then react as if Cyprus were part of Greece.

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e. Thant is said to be opposed to continuation of the UN peace-keeping force when its mandate expires in late September, unless adequate financing is assured. In any case, Makarios may not consent to an extension.

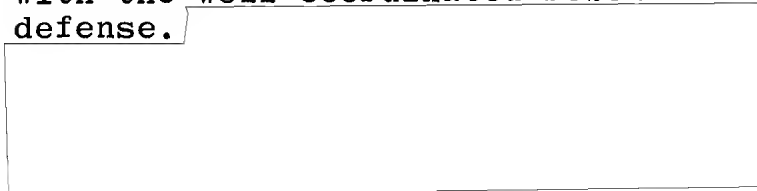


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3. Congo

a. Government forces are not coping effectively with rebels over a large part of the country.

b. Despite Leopoldville's claims, the ill-conceived and over-publicized attack on Albertville appears to have fizzled. Government ineptitude contrasted sharply with the well-coordinated rebel defense.



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c. Elsewhere, rebels have destroyed the Kabalo railroad installations, taken the main towns of Uele Province, and routed Congo Army forces west of Stanleyville after a brief encounter.

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d. Rebel "General" Olenga, broadcasting from Stanleyville, claims he has put the provincial government under house arrest. He also announced the end of the curfew and decreed that "all bars must remain open all night." He has also indicated that the CNL may soon set up headquarters in Stanleyville.

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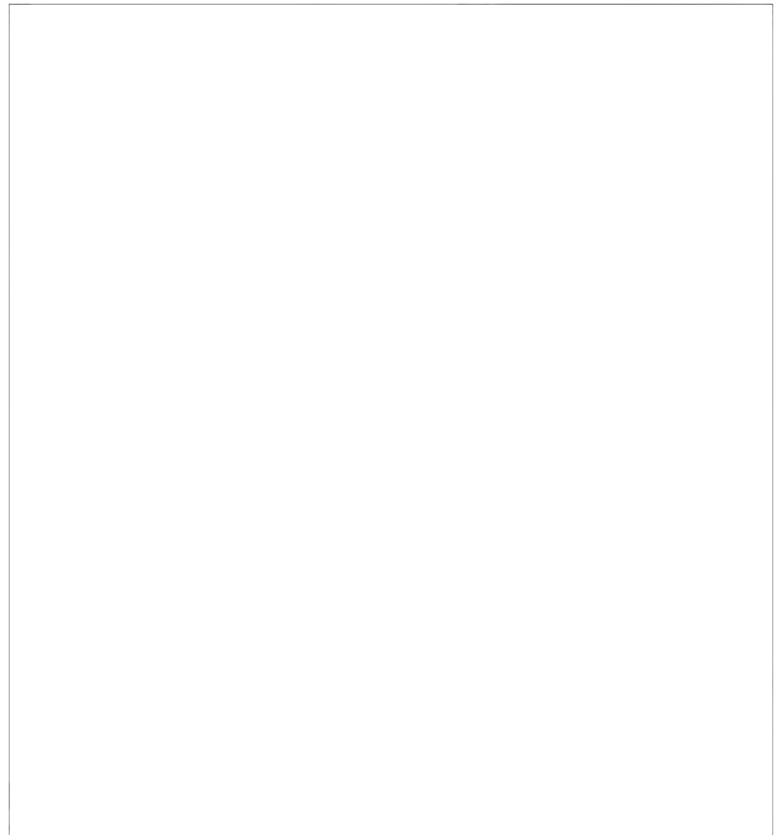
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f. In Congo Brazzaville, the long-rumored purge of moderate cabinet ministers may be about to come off. Their removal would probably precipitate even sharper attacks on the US for supporting Tshombé.

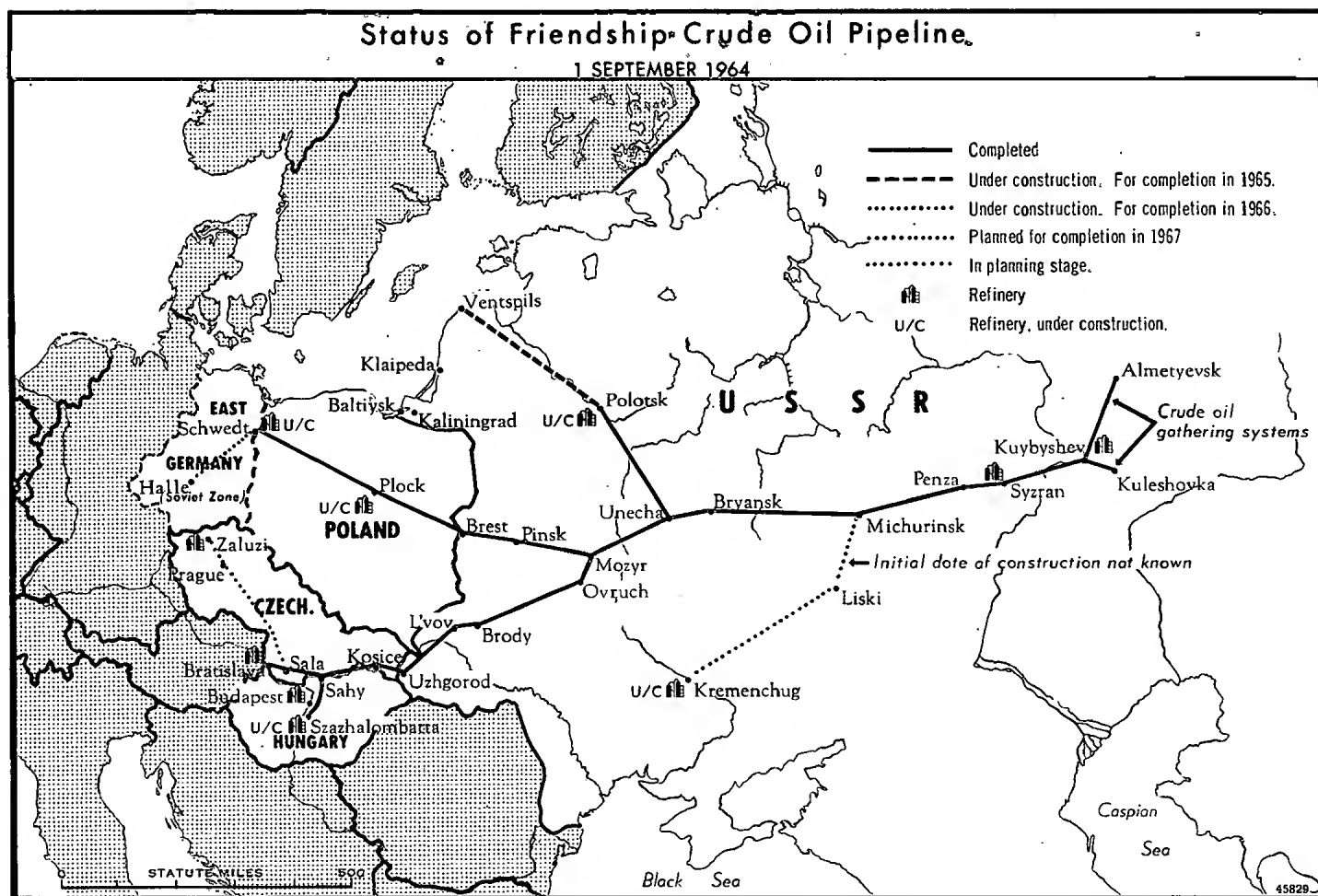


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4. Yemen



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5. USSR - East
Europe

a. The Soviets' long talked about Friendship Oil Pipeline to Eastern Europe will begin to operate in October--almost a year behind schedule.

b. Even at that, they reportedly used 32-inch pipe for one 690-mile stretch, apparently reserving prized 40-inch pipe--three quarters of which has been imported--for domestic natural gas lines.

c. This smaller pipe, and resulting operational problems, will cut the estimated annual capacity of 48 million metric tons almost in half. Consequently, plans have apparently been made to parallel the entire system.

NOTES

- A. Indonesia Yesterday Sukarno "attached" a top Communist Party official to the presidium --the group of three deputy prime ministers whose daily meetings largely administer the government. While this appointment appears to give the Communists direct access to the full scope of government administration, the balance of power among the topmost figures of the regime apparently remains unchanged. The cabinet reshuffle falls far short of what the Communists may have hoped for after Sukarno's left-leaning 17 August independence day speech.
- B. India-USSR Defense Minister Chavan leaves today for a good-will visit to Moscow claiming that his principal business will be to arrange final details of the MIG-21 deal. He plans only exploratory talks concerning armored and naval equipment, saying that recent British offers have reduced New Delhi's sense of urgency about acquisitions for the Indian Navy.
- C. USSR-Czechoslovakia [redacted] the USSR has sharply increased the delivery to Czechoslovakia of its new model ground attack fighter, the Fitter (SU-7). [redacted]

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D. Uruguay-Cuba

Uruguay will break diplomatic relations with
Cuba, probably on 3 September.

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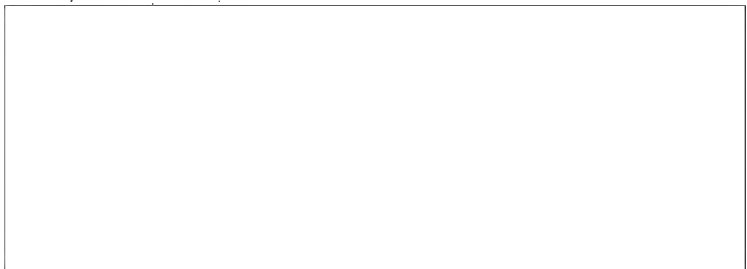
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Yugoslavia

a. Satellite photography of early August reveals two SA-2 (SAM) sites and a possible SAM support facility in the Belgrade area.

b. All construction is completed, and some equipment is in place. The sites could become operational in a matter of weeks --the time required to move in the remaining equipment and the actual missiles.



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